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SUBJECT: ARGENTINA PROTESTS CHILEAN SOUTHERN TERRITORIAL
SEA CLAIMS

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1. THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAS STRONGLY PROTESTED A RECENT CHILEAN ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW SOUTHERN TERRITORIAL SEA BORDERS WHICH GOA OFFICIALS CLAIM INCLUDES SOVEREIGN ARGENTINE TERRITORY. ACCORDING TO AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE, THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTRY ON AUGUST 8 FORMALLY PROTESTED CHILEAN DECREE NO. 416 WHICH EXTENDED CHILEAN SOUTHERN BORDERS AND DEMARCATED ITS TERRITORIAL SEA IN SOUTHERN ATLANTIC AREAS CLAIMED BY ARGENTINA. THE NOTE ASSERTED THAT THE NEW CHILEAN LINE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT BEAGLE CHANNEL DECISION, WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN FORMALLY ACCEPTED BY ARGENTINA.

2. AT THE SAME TIME, ARGENTINA REJECTED A RECENT CHILEAN PROTEST AGAINST PLACEMENT OF AN ARGENTINE BUOY NEAR THE BARNEVELT ISLANDS AND CHILE REJECTED ARGENTINA'S PROTEST
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AGAINST CHILEAN BUOYS PLACED NEAR THE CAPE HORN. ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT MENTIONED IN THE ARGENTINE PROTEST, ARGENTINE OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER A MAP RECENTLY PUBLISHED BY THE CHILEAN ARMY'S HYDROGRAPHIC INSTITUTE WHICH INCLUDES THE NEW CHILEAN CLAIM OVER "INTERIOR WATERS" BETWEEN THE 41ST AND 56TH PARALLEL SOUTH, PART OF WHICH FALLS WITHIN THE SAME MARITIME ZONE CLAIMED BY ARGENTINA.

3. ARGENTINE OFFICIALS APPEAR GENUINELY DISTURBED BY THE CHILEAN CLAIMS. IN WHAT APPEARED TO BE A DIRECT WARNING TO THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT, NAVAL COMMANDER ADMIRAL MASSERA SAID IN A SPEECH ON AUGUST 3 THAT THE ARGENTINE NAVY IS BATTLE-READY AND "FULLY PREPARED TO ACT TO AVOID ANY GEOGRAPHICAL MUTILATION OF THE NATION". THE ARGENTINE PRESS HAS COMMENTED THAT CHILE'S PRECIPITOUS AND PRESUMPTUOUS REDRAWING OF ITS SOUTHERN SEA BORDERS BEFORE ARGENTINA'S FINAL DECISION ON THE BEAGLE CHANNEL DECISION HAS HURT CHANCES FOR AN AMICABLE SETTLEMENT OF THE SEA BORDERS QUESTION. FOLLOWING INCONCLUSIVE TALKS IN BUENOS AIRES IN LATE JULY, ARGENTINA AND CHILE HAD AGREED TO MEET LATER THIS YEAR TO DISCUSS FURTHER BORDER AND OTHER BILATERAL ISSUES.
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